

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 8-12 and 22 are pending, with Claims 2 and 22 being independent. Claims 1, 3-7, 13-21, and 23-24 have been cancelled herein. Claims 2, 8-12, and 22 have been amended. Support for the claim changes can be found throughout the originally filed disclosure, including, for example, in the discussion of the fourth embodiment at page 24, line 20 to page 26, line 2. Thus, Applicant submits that no new matter has been presented.

Objections and § 101 Rejections

Claims 1 and 19-21 are objected to for minor informalities therein. Claims 19 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. These objections and rejections are obviated in light of the cancellation of Claims 1 and 19-21, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

§ 102(b) Rejections

Claims 1-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,308,151 (Smith). The rejection is traversed, for at least the reasons set forth below, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Without conceding the propriety of the rejection over the cited art, Claims 1, 3-7, 13-21, and 23-24 have been cancelled, thus obviating the rejection relating to those claims.

Claims 2, 8-12, and 22 have been amended, even further distinguishing Applicant's invention from the cited art.

Applicant's invention deals generally with a method of creating a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries for mail creation through voice input. According to independent Claims 2 and 22, a speech recognition dictionary corresponding to a transmission source of a received mail is either obtained from a memory which retains a plurality of the speech recognition dictionaries or created if not obtained. If a reply mail creation processing to the received mail is started, the received mail is read and analyzed to extract unknown word(s) therefrom and update the obtained or created speech recognition dictionary corresponding to the transmission source of the received mail by adding the unknown word(s) to it.

According to the specification at page 25, an advantage of this embodiment is that a higher speech recognition performance can be expected if a plurality of mail creation recognition dictionaries are used depending on different mail destinations or mail recipients because topics and words to be used in the reply mails may vary depending on the mail destinations or recipients.

As understood by Applicant, Smith discloses a system and method for dictating a body of text in response to an available body of text. Each word from the selected text of the received E-mail message is compared against the speech recognition system's vocabulary to determine whether any words are out-of-vocabulary and, if so, are added to the system vocabulary.

Applicant respectfully submits that Smith does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least obtaining a speech recognition dictionary for mail creation *corresponding to a transmission source* of the received mail from a memory which retains *a plurality of the speech recognition dictionaries* for mail creation, creating the speech recognition dictionary for mail creation corresponding to the transmission source if it is not obtained, and updating that obtained or created speech recognition dictionary. In contrast, Smith only envisions a solitary system vocabulary/speech recognition dictionary.

The remaining claims in the present application are dependent claims that depend directly or indirectly from Claim 2 and are allowable by virtue of their dependency and in their own right for further defining Applicant's invention. Favorable and independent consideration thereof is respectfully sought.

Applicant submits that all outstanding matters in this application have been addressed and that it is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of all objections and rejections, and early passage to issue of the above application is respectfully sought.

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